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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,

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No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

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TO CONTRACTORS, HOUSE-BUILDERS, SHIP-BUILDERS, AND CARPENTERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received a Shipment of

FIRST-CLASS MANILA HARDWOOD, of Different Kinds, and of the Very Best Quality, Suitable for HOUSE BUILDING, SHIP BUILDING, and for all kinds of Work requiring Timber of the most durable nature.

— ALSO —

A Good Assortment of Logs and Planks of TEAK WOOD of the most Superior Quality.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, July 13, 1877.

## FOR SALE.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

## FOR SALE.

A SMALL Twin Screw STEAM LAUNCH, 35 Feet Long, Built by FORREST of LONDON. For further particulars apply to Captain CLARK, on Board British Barque Nymrod.

Hongkong, July 20, 1877.

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SAYLE & Co.  
SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE.

ON and after MONDAY, August 13th, We shall offer the remaining portion of our SUMMER STOCK at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

A few pieces of SOILED SILKS MARKED, less than Lining prices, 20 Cents per Yard.

A nice Assortment of NEW FANCY DRESS SILKS, at 75 Cents per Yard.

Japanese POPLINS, at 25 Cents per Yard.

New Colours PLAIN ORGANI MUSLINS, 25 Cents per Yard.

Figured and Striped MUSLINS, 15 Cents per Yard.

White Striped MUSLINS, Slightly Soiled—were 45 Cents, will be sold at 15 Cents per Yard.

Batistes, French Printed CAMBRICS, Hollands and Dress Laws much reduced.

Fancy Striped GRENAINES at about Half Price.

We shall include in this Extraordinary Sale a few pieces of AUTUMN DRESS GOODS at a proportionate reduction.

WASHING COSTUMES, ready-made, from \$2.00.

Richly Embroidered ROLLAND and other COSTUMES, from \$3.00.

A part of our Stock of Baby-Linen and Ladies' UNDERCLOTHING will be very much reduced.

BOYS SUITS at about Half Price.

100 Doz. Ladies' Hem-stitched HAND-KERCHIEFS, some Slightly Soiled worth buying.

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Several Thousand Yards of ODDS and ENDS, and various useful Remnants at Half usual Price.

A Lot of various Colours and Sorts of SILK and other TRIMMINGS at a quarter of original price.

Twenty-five Dozen of Ladies' SILK UMBRELLAS, at \$2.00 each.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY will be carried on as usual.

Much disappointment to many intending Buyers was caused through the closing of last Summer's Sale without published notice.

We now beg to notify—this Sale will positively Close on September 1st, 1877.

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
and Stanley Street, Hongkong.

## FOR SALE.

CUTTLE, PALMER & Co.'s  
Celebrated  
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE  
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I.,  
A to K, with Introduction, Royal 8vo,  
pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, PH.D.  
Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

### O. & O. S. S. Co.

#### NOTICE.

M. R. H. M. BLANCHARD is authorized to Sign the Company's Bills of Lading, vice Mr. G. W. BAFFY.

GEO. B. EMORY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, August 7, 1877.

#### NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,  
Surveyor to Local Offices,  
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, March 17, 1877.

#### NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GREEN, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procurator at Foochow, and Mr F. F. ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, June 1, 1877.

#### NOTICE.

M. R. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procurator.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, June 26, 1877.

#### NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he will be ABSENT from Hongkong until further notice.

Hongkong, August 4, 1877.

#### DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONG-KONG about the 15th of September.

Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

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# DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL. RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our OIL, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packagage. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASES of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO.,  
80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,  
NEW YORK, U. S. A.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND, at the Rate of 3 %, or \$2.25 per SHARE, Declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY, the 27th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 25, 1877.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, in order that the distribution of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held in the Offices of the Company, CLUB CHAMBERS, on WEDNESDAY, August 22nd, 1877, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 22nd Instant, both days Included.

By Order of the Board,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1877.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.</



## THE CHINA MAIL.

We understand that 114 Chinese left here on Tuesday last by the Brisbane, for Melbourne, notwithstanding the fact that they were appointed by Mr Pickering, the Protector of Emigrants, before their departure, of the annoyances and difficulties with which, most probably, their appearance in Australia, would be attended.

(*L. & C. Express*, July 6th.)

Latest Mail Advice.—Yokohama (*via* San Francisco) May 23, Shanghai May 13, Foochow May 15, Hongkong May 19. The P. & O. mail, with advice dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, reached London, *via* Brindisi, on the 2nd inst., its due date. There are no later Japan advices than those which were received per Pacific Mail Company's steamer *City of Peiping*, *via* San Francisco, on the 27th ult. The next inward French mail, from Yokohama, 16th; Shanghai 20th; Hongkong 26th May; Singapore June 3rd, has been lost in the wreck of the *Mesageries Maritimes* steamer *Meikong*, and there will consequently be no further mail delivery until that of the P. & O. mail, due on the 16th inst.

The Queen has approved of Mr Eduardo Toda as Vice-Consul at Hongkong for the King of Spain.

The Manchester City Council has sanctioned a proposal of the Waterworks Committee for the purchase of Thirlmere, one of the Cumberland Lakes, and the conveyance of water from it to Manchester by an aqueduct 100 miles long. The works will occupy seven years in execution. The first instalment will cost £1,700,000, for which sum fifty million gallons of water per day will be impounded.

In addressing the grand jury at the Hampshire Assizes Lord Coleridge said nearly all the cases were in consequence of disturbances begun in public-houses, or actually committed there. His short experience on the Bench convinced him of the truth of what had been said by other judges, that if England were made sober, nearly all the jails might be closed.

An insect, supposed by some to be the Colorado beetle, has made its appearance at Prestwick, and has caused considerable havoc. In some gardens the rose bushes have been entirely stripped of their foliage.

Vice-Admiral Charles F. Hillyar, C.B., has been selected to succeed Vice-Admiral A. P. Ryder as Commander-in-Chief in China. Vice Admiral Hillyar will take his departure for China early in September.

It has been decided to re-commission the *Vigilant*, 2, despatch vessel, Commander Ryder, for further service on the China station. As the ship was commissioned at Portsmouth in September, 1874, and her boilers are known to be in a bad condition, new ones will be sent out to her.

Commander Robert S. Hunt (1832) has been appointed to the command of the *Thistle*, on the China station, vice Commander E. B. Pusey, who has been invalided.

Deputy Commissioner Goo. Arber, who lately served in the Ordnance Department at Hongkong, left for Jamaica, in the Royal Mail Steamer *Dew*, on the 2nd July, on a fresh tour of foreign service.

On the 2nd inst. the Chinese Envoy paid a visit to the well-known works of Messrs Ransomes, Sims and Head, and Messrs Ransomes and Raper at the above place. The event went off in every respect in a successful manner, and will doubtless tend to give their Excellencies a very favourable impression of our engineering appliances. It may be interesting to note that Messrs Ransomes and Raper supplied the plant, machinery, &c., for the Woosung Railway. They sent out the "Pioneer," the first locomotive engine in China, and also the "Celestial Empire," and the "Flower Land," and four engines, called the "Vic Roy," was despatched by them to China about a month ago.

Hamburg, July 3rd.—The life on the river-side during the last week has been very active, and arrivals as well as departures were satisfactory. From the Far East reached our harbour the *Otava*, s.s., *Benson*; *Eropa*, *Hansen*, and *Undine*, List, all three from Rangoon; and *Auguste*, *Buck*, from Singapore. Of departures only the *Hamburk*, *Busch*, is to be named, which vessel sailed for Queensland with some 400 German labourers. At Bremen, arrived, *G. F. Haandai*, *Sanders van Basseth*, and *Deike Kickmers*, *Gennrich*, and *Alice Rickmers*, Meyer, both from Rangoon. On the berth are at Hamburg for the East, *Egeria*, s.s., for Penang, Singapore, &c., to leave August 8. *Louis and George*, *Josan*, for Singapore, and *Penang*, ready to sail; *Conrad Hinrich*, *Schueler*, for Singapore; *Patna*, *Binge*, for Bangkok; *Walter Siegfried*, *Stole*, for Manila; *Niagara*, *Wishburn*; *Andia*, *Dirksen*, and *Andreas*, Peters, all three for Hong Kong. Freights are still low and cargo scarce; vessels on the berths therefore all have very long laying days.

The death of Captain Dunlop, late of the China trade, at the advanced age of seventy-seven is announced. In 1857, when the China ports were opened he commenced running there, and brought the first cargo of tea from China to Glasgow in the *Jane Brown*. He subsequently commanded the *Sappho* and *Investigator*, in the China trade till 1851, when he left the sea and obtained the appointment of shipping-master to the Sailor's Home, London, under the Board of Trade.

The *London Castle* arrived in dock on the 3rd inst., and a few sales were made that day at 1s. 2d. and 2s. 6d. About 12,000 packages have been offered at public auction and prices at the first sale were on the whole better than was expected, an compared with those obtainable by private contract. This is accounted for by the unwillingness of the trade to commit themselves with the knowledge that there are heavy supplies close at hand. At the auction yesterday prices were much lower, being about 2d. under those of the previous day. One parcel was sold at Wednesday's sale, at 1s. 6d., and its counterpart on Thursday (yesterday) fetched only 1s. 2d. The reception of the Tea was upon the whole by no means eager notwithstanding the comparatively moderate range of values. The opinion expressed as to the quality in China is fully confirmed on this side. The outturn has been very varied, and the profits on some parcels have been counterbalanced by losses upon others.

The Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company announce an interim dividend for the quarter ending March 31 last of 2s. 6d. per share, being at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

We are glad to notice that the project of Captain Sprye for the opening of trade in Western China has again come to the front. A special meeting was held in London last week, at the office of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, to consider the present incomplete

above land route for trade with China from Rangoon. The meeting was presided over by the able President of the Association, Mr Sampson Lloyd, M.P., and was specially attended, on invitation, by Mr W. R. Haigh, of Huddersfield Chamber; Mr Thomas Ormerod, of Halifax Chamber; and Captain Sprye. After full discussion, a resolution was passed, in co-operation with individual Chambers, further to press the completion of the survey on the favourable power of the Government.

The Coroner said the Jury might have

read a paragraph in the *Daily Press* this morning, in which all details were given, and if they were put in proper form, they might have been spared the trouble of holding this enquiry. But these particulars were not known to the Police, and he did not know where the reporter of the *Daily Press* obtained them from. The Coroner had enquired of the Inspector, who said that he had not heard of the story, nor knew he find anything of it. All they knew was that the body was found floating in the harbour at the Harbour Master's wharf, with a rope around its neck. The doctor had examined the body and could not find any sign of strangulation, so they had to find out how the rope came to be fastened to the man's neck.

P. C. No. 35, John Somerville, stated that he found the body at the bamboo wharf in front of the Harbour Master's Office at 11.30 a.m. He found the neck attached with a rope to one of the bamboos; it was not taut, but had a swing of about 3 feet; one hand was also tied to another bamboo. The head was below water, but the feet were above the upper part of the body. He saw no marks on the neck. He saw no marks of violence, except a cut on the arm caused by it being bumped against the bamboo. The jacket and trousers were round the neck. He had made all enquiries about the deceased but could not learn anything. The right hand of the deceased was clenched firmly to one of the bamboos and witness had to remove it with force.

Look Sing Chong, P. C. 170, stated that he heard at 8.30 p.m. on 8th orders of "ayah, ayah" in the water, at the front of the old Pacific Mall Wharf. Witness was on duty at the Harbour Master's Office, and he went to the spot and examined the place with a lamp but could not find anything. He thought the cries came from the shore side, but it appeared that he had reported to P. C. No. 2 that a man had fallen into the water.

Dr. Wharry was examined. He examined the body and found a bruise on the upper right arm. There were no marks about the neck, and there was nothing to show strangulation. The cause of death was probably drowning.

P. C. No. 2, Wm. Dlokens, stated that at about 8.10 p.m., P. C. 170 reported to him that a man had fallen into the water at the Harbour Master's Wharf. Witness went from his boat at Gibb's Wharf. He found a lot of Chinaman standing close to the Harbour Master's Wharf, but he could not see properly, owing to his lamp shining badly.

The Coroner asked how this was.

Witness replied that he did not know; it burned well enough when he went out, but it got dim so that it would hardly shine even in the water. He could not get it trimmed, because he could not leave the wharf while on duty.

Continued.—He went to the spot and made a search. He saw what appeared to be the head of a Chinaman in the water, but he saw nothing on making a more minute search in the water. A Chinaman had a rope in his hand, and it appeared to him that the man was trying to save the supposed man who was in the water. The man hauled in the rope again, not having succeeded in rescuing the man. The Constable made a report at the Central Station when he came off duty.

Sergeant Flynn was next called. He saw Dickens and P. C. 170 walking on the Praya, and asked them what was the matter. He was told that a man was said to have fallen into the water at the Harbour Master's Office wharf. Witness went there and made enquiries. He could not see anything of a body, but he was told by the Chinese around that two women who had been fishing had said that a man had fallen into the water.

The enquiry was then adjourned till Monday, at 3.30 p.m.

**Police Intelligence.**  
(Before the Hon. C. May.)

August 10, 1877.

**DRUNKENESS.**

John Parry, seaman British ship *Harbinger*, was charged with being drunk at Wellington Street. Fined 50 cents and to pay 10 cents chair-hire.

**A DESERTER.**

John Miller, seaman on board the American ship *A. S. Davis*, was apprehended for having deserted from his ship. He was encountered by P. C. J. Edwards, No. 73, at East Street, and appeared desirous to avoid the policeman. He was therefore taken into custody, when it was ascertained that he was a deserter from the *A. S. Davis*. He was ordered to be conveyed on board by the Police.

**AN OLD OFFENDER.**

Wong Alo, a coolie, was caught a stealing two bundles of firewood from a shop. He had been no less than five times convicted before. Two months' hard labour.

**A LYING CONSTABLE.**

Tang Afook, a hawker, was charged with obstruction. P. C. No. 678, Gamma Khan, stated that the defendant was a hawker of cakes and obstructed the sea front of the Central Market. He told him to go away, but he would not and took hold of him by the coat. The defendant frequently obstructed the pathway under the verandah.

The defendant stated that he went to a public latrine, leaving a young boy 12 years of age, in charge of the stall. When he came out he saw that some of his cakes were in the side channel (produced cakes dry and wet). He spoke to the Ge-

stable, saying that he was poor and that he had spoilt his cakes. The Constable then took him into custody. A money-changer saw this, and he wished him to be sent for. When he arrived he said he saw the defendant hawking cakes in front of his shop. He did not notice what followed, but the next he saw was that a little boy was trying to carry away the basket. They were too heavy for him, and the Constable struck the carrying poles and knocked some cakes down. The Constable produced another Constable, No. 604, Choor Singh, to support his story, but he failed to do so. The hawk was discharged, and P. C. 678 was

active. There have been heavy skirmishes in the vicinity of Silistra, Varna, and Schumla. The Russians have invested Rustchuk. The traffic is interrupted on the railway between Adrianople and Philippopolis.

There are vague rumours of a Russo-Italian alliance. The Russian press allege that if the squadron [of the British ironclad squadron] enters the Dardanelles, it will encounter the Italian squadron. The Montenegrins are again besieging Nickalia.

*London*, July 25.—An official despatch to the Turkish representatives abroad accuses the Russians of burning villages, and of wholesale massacres of the Mahomedans in Bulgaria. The Russian defeat at Pleven is confirmed. The Russians have fortified the Schipka Pass, and are strongly entrenched at Eskiaghab. Suleiman Pasha has arrived at Adrianople with 20,000 men.

A court-martial has been ordered to be held on Abdul Kerim and Redif Pasha. The Montenegrins are capturing the forts in the Duga Pass.

A Russian official report states that an insurrectionary movement is extending in the province of Fer [a province on the north of the Caucasus mountains]. The Russians are at Daghestan have been reinforced.

The strike in America is extending to New York at very low rates, about £1 10s. per ton of 40 feet, but there is nothing doing for London. One charter has been effected for the Philippines, but there is no further demand, and latest advice do not point to any speedy improvement. From Java and Japan there is no inquiry.

Coastwise, everything is very dull. For the Northern Ports low rates have been accepted, but the market appears to be supplied for the present. From Bangkok to this 23 to 28 cents per picul is offered, while from Saigon to this no offer is obtainable, and during the fortnight no charter of a steamer for this port is reported.

The British bark *Bon Accord*, 393 tons, and *George Crosthwaite*, 658 tons, have taken the berth for London, the rate for the former being £2 5s., and for the latter £2 per ton of 50 feet. The American ship *Pilgrim*, 956 tons, has gone under orders from home.

*Ceylon*, July 26.—The accounts in latest Indian papers (30th July), show that neither in Bombay nor in Madras has the famine appreciably abated, while the prospects of rain and crops are not all that could be desired. By the latest accounts, rice exports from Burma seem to have ceased, while supplies were limited and prices high in Calcutta. Prices in the local market are fluctuating, but the tendency is upwards, and that tendency we fear will increase. Indeed the doubt seems to be whether enough rice can be obtained to feed coolies on estates, and we admire the foresight of a planter, who told us he had arranged to cultivate extensively a large species of cabbage which had proved a god-send on a previous season of scarcity.

*London*, July 26.—The obstructive tactics of a few Irish members of the House of Commons, culminated yesterday in a tumultuous and unprecedented scene. Mr Parnell was ordered to leave the House, and is suspended till Friday, when Sir Stafford Northcote will submit a formal motion to alter the rules to facilitate business.

A Russian official despatch admits the Russians having unsuccessfully attacked Pleven, on the 20th, when they were defeated and compelled to fall back, with 163 killed and wounded. The Turkish Army corps concentrated on Pleven, threatens Russian communications. A great battle is imminent.

*Aden*, July 25.—The *Asam* with the outward mails of the 13th sailed for Bombay at 4 o'clock this evening.

*London*, July 26.—Suleiman Pasha has reached Karabumar. A detachment of the Russian troops is in the vicinity, and a battle is believed to be imminent. According to the unofficial Turkish accounts, the Russian assault on Silistra, on the 26th, was repulsed.

The Russians have evacuated the district of Bayazid.

The Porte has stopped the pension to the Afghan pretender living at Pera.

*London*, July 22.—The troop-ships *Crocodile*, *Malahar* and *Euphrates* have been ordered to be got ready for sea on Wednesday.

The Russians have left Nicopolis to besiege Widdin. They have taken Kassala and are advancing on Philippopolis. The Sultan of Turkey has called out all capable of bearing arms in the province of Adrianople.

*London*, July 22.—A formidable strike has taken place in the United States of the Supreme Court at Hongkong, dated 16th February, 1876, and made in suit in which the above-named appellants were defendants. The suit was instituted by the trustees of Augustine Heard & Co. in the name of the firm of Augustine Heard & Co. to the benefit of the creditors of the firm, in virtue of a deed of assignment expressed to be made and entered into by and between the members of the firm of Augustine Heard & Co. and their creditors, dated 19th April, 1875, under provisions of the Hongkong Bankrupt Ordinance of 1874, and the object of the suit was to have certain mortgages, eight in number, given to the appellants (Benecke and Co.), by Augustine Heard & Co. set aside for the benefit of the creditors under the trust deed. The decree of the Supreme Court in Hongkong set aside the mortgages given to the appellants, and against this judgment the present appeal was instituted. The judgment of the Privy Council was delivered by Sir R. Collier on the 30th ult., and was to the effect that the requirements of Section 163 of the Hongkong Ordinance not having been complied with, the deed for the benefit of the creditors under which the trustees of Augustine Heard & Co. claimed was only receivable in evidence under Section 165 of the Ordinance only applying to deeds registered under Section 163. Their Lordships also intimated that, even without this, the mortgages would probably have been found to be unimpeachable as having been given in pursuance of an antecedent obligation to give security.

The decree of the Supreme Court in Hongkong was therefore reversed, and the appeal allowed with costs.

**COMMERCIAL.**

*London*, July 24.—Lord Derby in the House of Lords and Sir Stafford Northcote in the House of Commons have said that, the Mediterranean garrisons being below their full complement, in the present disturbed and uncertain condition of Europe, it was deemed desirable to strengthen them by 3,000 men. This was the sole foundation for the newspaper reports on the subject.

After severe fighting the Russian troops at Zaim appear to have fallen back upon Grun.

The Russians are supplying arms to the Bulgarians. The *Morning Post* publishes a statement from the leading newspaper specials certifying to the atrocities committed by the Russians in Bulgaria upon the Muhammadan population.

*London*, July 24.—Mehmet Ali and Suleiman Pasha have assumed their respective new commands. The Turks are now

quantity 800 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock consists of 600 chests.

**MESSRS HEINEMANN & CO'S FREIGHT CIRCULAR FOR THE MAIL OF SATURDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1877.**

There is no improvement to notice in the freight market since the date of last Report, arrivals have been large, and freight generally are lower with little demand.

Homewards, a few settlements are reported for New York at very low rates, about £1 10s. per ton of 40 feet, but there is nothing doing for London. One charter has been effected for the Philippines, but there is no further demand, and latest advice do not point to any speedy improvement. From Java and Japan there is no inquiry.

Coastwise, everything is very dull. For the Northern Ports low rates have been accepted, but the market appears to be supplied for the present. From Bangkok to this 23 to 28 cents per picul is offered, while from Saigon to this no offer is obtainable, and during the fortnight no charter of a steamer for this port is reported.

The British bark *Bon Accord*, 393 tons, and *George Crosthwaite*, 658 tons, have taken the berth for London, the rate for the former being £2 5s., and for the latter £2 per ton of 50 feet. The American ship *Pilgrim*, 956 tons, has gone under orders from home.

From the following is a summary of the fort-night's business:

## To Let.

TO LET.

NOS. 4, and 5, PECHILI TERRACE, ELGIN  
STREET.  
Apply to  
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TO LET.

THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1,  
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tion of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
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The Dwelling House No. 10, Gough  
Street. Possession from 1st September next.  
Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, lately  
occupied by the Rev. R. H. Kidd.  
"Blanes Villa," Pak-foo-lum, Furnished.  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, July 21, 1877.

## Intimations.

In the ESTATE and EFFECTS of HO  
ASSEK, alias Ho IN KEE, alias Ho  
FEI IN, late Partner and Manager of  
KIN NAM HONG, Hongkong, Deceased,

THE Deceased HO ASSEK died in Pango-  
po, Shun-tak District, near Canton,  
on 29th April, 1877. HO LEONG SHE,  
wife of said Deceased, has obtained Letters  
of Administration to the Estate; she being  
blind, has given power of attorney to WAI  
AKWANG, Comprador to the Chartered  
Mercantile Bank, to act for her in all  
matters respecting the above Estate.

Notice is hereby given, that all Persons  
having CLAIMS against the Estate of HO  
ASSEK, late Partner and Manager of KIN  
NAM HONG, are requested to send in Parti-  
culars of same to the Undersigned in writing  
on or before the 31st October, 1877, other-  
wise no Claim shall be allowed.

All Persons indebted to the above Estate  
are requested to make immediate payment.  
HO ASSEK's Interest and Responsibility in  
the KIN NAM HONG ceases from this date,  
the remaining Partners continue the Busi-  
ness as before, and settle all accounts of the  
Firm.

WEI AKWANG,  
Attorney for HO LEONG SHE,  
Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

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HEAD OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand,  
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or whose contributions during the pre-  
ceding three years have not been in proportion  
to the number of Shares held.

Shareholders retiring from the Company  
in pursuance of the above regulation, will  
be notified at least three months prior to  
the date fixed for any such revision of the  
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posing of their Shares in either of the  
following ways:

They will be at liberty at any time after  
receipt of notice of withdrawal, and  
prior to the date of revision, to sell  
their Shares to any person approved  
by the Company and accepted as  
transferee; or

Upon surrendering their scrip certificate  
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revision, and pursuant to notice, will  
receive a return of the Capital paid up  
thereon; and so soon after as the  
financial position of the Company up  
to the date of the revision can be ascer-  
tained and the accounts adjusted, they  
shall also receive a pro-rata share of  
the Reserve Fund, if any accumulated,  
together with such proportion of the  
unappropriated profits as may be found  
due to them.

Notice is HEREBY GIVEN, that Applica-  
tions for Shares in the undermentioned  
form will be received at the offices of the  
Company, from residents in China and  
Japan, until the 30th September, from  
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ber next.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR  
SHARES.

To the Provisional Committee of the  
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

Gentlemen, hereby request that you  
will allot to ..... Shares in the  
above Company, and ..... agree to accept  
such Shares, or any less number  
you may allot to ..... and ..... and  
agree to pay the first call of Taels 600 per  
Share, and all subsequent calls, and to  
subscribe the Deed of Settlement when  
required to do so.

Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

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Forms of application for Shares can be  
obtained at the Head-office, or by applica-  
tion to the Agents of the Company.

Shanghai, June 18, 1877.

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NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM  
TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has  
this Day been Transferred to THE  
MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, Old  
BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,  
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127, Leadenhall Street,  
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Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL  
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ed Mr. A. McILVAN as its AGENT in Hon-  
kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT J. LODGE,  
Manager.

THE Under-signed is prepared to Accept  
Risk and issue Policies on behalf of the  
MARINE INSURANCE CO. by any First Class  
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A. MOLVER,  
Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of  
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

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JAS. B. GOUGHTRIE,  
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